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THE WEATHER

Oregon—Fair west, rain or snow east portion.
Washington and Idaho—Fair.

PLUS \$15,000 A YEAR.

This is the story of the Citizens' administration for 16 years, in a "nutshell."

They took the city when it owed but \$86,000, and at a time when they believed, and protested, that it needed saving, and the aegis of this inspiration was thrown about it to that end. They have "saved" it, alright, to the tune of \$230,000 more debt, and have jumped the charter-debt limit up three times in the doing of it.

All they can show for the huge access is a line of improvements that must have come with the ordinary growth of the city, with most of them poorly done, and some of them flagrantly and viciously bad.

Now they are, at the front with another vast scheme of seawall improvement that will cost the incubus of a million dollars more on the city before they get through with it, and with no apology for the outrage of the steadily accumulated indebtedness. Some men live by debt alone; and so do some civic administrations.

No effort has been made to hold down the cost of government; nothing done to reduce the burden; and everything prosecuted that would add a dollar of public expense. And this, upon the plea that they want to keep the workingman in work. God knows that every decent, thinking man wants labor to be fully and constantly employed and will strive to do so whenever he may; that is one of the cardinal courses of human action everywhere, at all times, but that does not signify that the public credit and financial strength of a community is to be shattered and weakened until its property is without value in the banks, or on the markets, and it hovers on the verge of bankruptcy.

With a staggering debt of over \$300,000 already charged up against up against her, and with \$375,000 more impending for school and water improvements that cannot be longer put off, the City of Astoria needs a change to a radical business basis, worse than ever in its history.

A STRANGER'S DEDUCTIONS.

When a "stranger within our gates" manifests enough of broad human interest in the city to send a letter such as we are publishing this morning from C. M. Foley, it is time for the native to sit up and look around and get next to the mess he is in.

The reading of this man's letter should make the face of every citizen tingle with shame for the irresponsible and incapable government he has stood for all these years. Mr. Foley's deductions do not vary a hair from those of every man who has come here on a quest such as his, looking for a safe investment in a live, healthy, handsome and attractive place. And it is the same adverse deduction that has driven home-capital to Portland, to the Rogue River valley, to the Hood River country, to any place where there was an even break for rational profit on honest money. The Citizens' party and its vicious extravagance, are at the bottom of this reproachful state of affairs; and yet these men, headed by A. M. Smith, who has been their spokesman and sponsor all these years, are clamoring for re-election in order to treble the sum of their unrighteousness.

Have a care, you people of Astoria, when the man from outside comes to such intimate and interested convictions of your civic failure as this man displays. You are in a bad way, and the sooner you set about the straightening of your public business the better for all concerned.

THE BABY EMPEROR.

China's three-year-old baby emperor or toddled up to his throne the other day in the midst of a traditional fanfare of court panoply and noise, and took his place on the thousand-year-old seat of glory he has inherited. The little fellow's supreme claim to the love and respect of the world lays in his tender years and superlative innocence, far more than in the vested power and rank and circumstance of his place and family. Babies have a kingdom all their own, in which they rule upon the plane of indubitable sweetness and purity and perfect freedom from all the grosser things that come to them later. "Verily, I say unto you, except ye become as one of these, ye shall not enter the Kingdom of Heaven," said the gentlest teacher mankind ever knew.

THE LAW IN ENGLAND.

In the Christmas number of the Strand Magazine Harry Furniss tells a good story of how the law is administered at times in England (generally held up as a pattern to administrators of all other countries). "A friend of mine," he says, "wishing to make a present of a ring to an acquaintance who was on the eve of being married, bought the article and handed it to the jeweler with instructions to have a suitable inscription engraved upon it, making a stipulation that it should be finished and returned by a certain date, otherwise it would be useless. Months elapsed before the ring was delivered. It was sent back to the jeweler. The tradesman took out a summons, and my friend had to come back to town and sit in a stuffy court all day without the court being called. Next morning he bribed the usher to let him know when the case was called. He was sent for at lunch time, and sat till a quarter past four listening to anything but edifying matters which had to be disposed of at first. By this time the old gentleman on the Bench

PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE IN-DEBTEDNESS OF ASTORIA.

As Revealed by the Latest Accounting of the Officers who Maintain the Public Records.

THE MUNICIPAL DEBT.

Municipal bonds outstanding, \$189,050.00
Street bonds outstanding, 4,968.22
Warrants outstanding, 122,464.63
Grand total, including \$46,527.95 of outstanding street improvement warrants, \$316,482.85
This total figured to October 1st, 1908.

WATER DEPARTMENT DEBT.

Water bonds outstanding, \$300,000.00

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT DEBT.

School District No. 1, bonds outstanding, \$87,000.00

COUNTY DEBT.

Warrants outstanding (Astoria's share), \$50,000.00
(Debt of \$100,000, city's share at one half.)Grand principal of existing debt, \$753,482.85
Plus annual interest, (approximate), 45,000.00
Actual existing debt of Astoria, \$798,482.85

PLUS DEBT FOR IMPROVEMENTS.

(Departmental Improvements to which the city is now committed.)

Water Commission, pipe line and reservoir, \$275,000.00
School Department, buildings and teachers, 100,000.00Final grand total to which the Astoria taxpayer is absolutely committed, \$1,173,482.85
This does not include street contracts now under way.

was fast asleep. The jeweler's case was called, and my friend's solicitor stated the defence. At its close the legal functionary slowly disentangled himself from the embrace of Morpheus, opened one eye, grunted, "Verdict for plaintiff," and lumbered heavily out of court. My friend was furious, and addressed the judge in terms the reverse of polite. The usher endeavored to pacify him, and eventually yled him out of court, and after pocketing another half-sovereign, he remarked, "Yes, sir; its very 'ard, I know. But, you know, sir, he alters gives a verdict for the plaintiff after 4 o'clock!"

PLAYING A SYSTEM.

Just a word here about systems of gambling followed by various players; their name is legion, some plausible, some ridiculous, some based on wonderful results on paper, and all failing woefully at the tables.

"After fifteen years of experience at Monte Carlo," writes a newspaper correspondent, "costing a sum I should be ashamed to name; after a thorough investigation of more than four hundred different systems and progressions; after having employed a mathematician, I can say with certainty that it is absolutely impossible for any system to win at Monte Carlo. Sir Hiram Maxim is wrong when he says the chances are ten to one against the player. I say they are a hundred to one against the player."

This is rather an overstatement, for a few players do win, by luck not by system, or by a system based on luck, as when a man backs the number of his hotel room, or a woman backs her age. Perhaps two or three per cent of the players win occasionally, and the rest lose; not only because of the bank's percentage and the restraining maximum, but because this is a struggle between a man and a machine with no nerves and no emotions. Let the system be ever so perfect, the gambler with strength of will to follow it has not yet been born. If he had such strength of will, he would not be a gambler!—Ex.

From a Philosopher's Note-book.

A successful man never hits the nail on the head.
Forgetfulness of yesterday and anticipations of to-morrow make troublesome to-day.

The man who borrows trouble has at least the solace of knowing that no one will ever dun him to pay it back.

Possibly the chap who growls about the washday dinner would have found "xy" Buzsuaqui suop peq it more pleasing to his taste if he

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City Attorney—16 X CHAS. H. ABERCROMBIESuperintendent of Streets—17 X J. E. KEARNEY
Surveyor—19 X A. S. TEEPolice Commissioner—21 X R. CARRUTHERS
Water Commissioner at Large—23 X J. E. FERGUSON

Councilman at Large—26 X H. F. PRAEL

FIRST WARD.
Water Commissioner 1st Ward—30 X ASMUS BRIX31 X FRANS KANKKONEN
Councilman First Ward—27 X CHARLES WILSON28 X F. J. CARNEY
SECOND WARD.
Water Commissioner 2nd Ward—31 X F. A. FISHER33 X H. G. VAN DUSEN
Councilman 2nd Ward—28 X CHRIS SCHMIDT29 X C. J. CURTIS
THIRD WARD.
Water Commissioner 3rd Ward—30 X GUST HOLMES32 X JAMES W. WELCH
Councilman 3rd Ward—27 X C. A. LEINENWEBER29 X J. J. ROBINSON
FOURTH WARD.
Water Commissioner 4th Ward—31 X MAXWELL YOUNG27 X L. O. BELLAND
Councilman 4th Ward—29 X P. L. STANGLUND

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

First National Bank

At Astoria, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, November 27th, 1908.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts, \$456,888.00
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured, 1,786.94
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation, 40,000.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds, 1,200.00
Bonds, securities, etc., 55,430.00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents), 63,379.03
Due from State Banks and Bankers, 25,022.36
Due from approved reserve agents, 198,733.16
Checks and other cash items, 776.29
Notes of other National Banks, 2,530.00
Nickels and cents, 361.70
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz: Specie, \$169,000.00
Legal-tender notes, 220.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation), 2,000.00
Due from U. S. Treasurer, other than 5 per cent redemption fund, 350.00
Total, \$977,677.48

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in, \$100,000.00
Surplus fund, 25,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid, 29,175.94
National Bank notes outstanding, 40,000.00
Due to State Banks and Bankers, 70.87
Individual deposits subject to check, \$655,145.75
Demand certificates of deposit, \$128,284.92
Total, \$977,677.48

State of Oregon, County of Clatsop, ss:

I, S. S. GORDON, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

S. S. GORDON, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of December, 1908.

E. P. NOONAN, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest: G. C. FLAVEL, JACOB KAMM, W. F. MCGREGOR, Directors.

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